

Georgetown City Council Special Meeting  
May 28, 2013  
6:00 pm

The meeting of the Georgetown City Council was called to order by Mayor Everette Varney, with all members present except Kelly McEuen who arrived at 6:45. After a moment of silence Councilmember Singer led the pledge.

1. **Minutes**

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson and seconded by Councilmember Tackett to approve the minutes with corrections from the City council meeting held May 20, 2013. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

2. **Public Concerns**

a) Lori Saunders Marketing Director for tourism gave a brief overview of the Horsey 100. Pictures of the event have been posted to the tourism website. The Bluegrass Cycling club sponsors this event and it is always a success.

Mrs. Saunders requested Court Square be closed June 27<sup>th</sup> for the Taste of Georgetown. A motion for approval was made by Councilmember Tingle-Sames and seconded by Councilmember Tackett. **The motion was unanimously approved.** Mrs. Saunders requested Court Square be closed June 15<sup>th</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup>, and August 17<sup>th</sup> for the summer concert series. A motion for approval was made by Councilmember Lusby and seconded by Councilmember Tackett. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

b) Steve Price is concerned about tree preservation. He believes if council members are good stewards of the comprehensive plan they should take an active role in the preservation of trees.

3. **City Attorney/City Clerk**

Second reading of fire works ordinance –sponsored by Councilmember Penn. A motion for approval was made by Councilmember Penn and seconded by Councilmember Tackett. **The motion passed 7-0.**

4. **Discussion of Fiscal Year 2013-14 Budget**

Finance Director Stacey Clark addressed council asking for questions, changes and approval of the budget. Councilmember Penn asked about the agreement with Waste Services of the Bluegrass. City Attorney Andrew Hartley said the council had voted in November of 2012 to amend the original agreement. Andrew will forward a copy of the amended agreement and a copy of the minutes to the council.

Councilmember Singer asked what the fund balance would be at the end of the year. Mrs. Clark stated the fund balance will be \$5,200,000.00 at year end.

Councilmember Penn inquired about the 21% increase in professional services in general government. ADP services which is the new human resource and payroll system is a large portion of this increase. Computer hardware and software agreements have also been moved to this account.

Councilmember Penn asked about the 10% increase in overtime for the police department. He believes this is excessive with seven additional officers. The Police department purchased seventeen new vehicles last year however vehicle maintenance is budgeted for \$100,000.00 which is the same as 2013. Mrs. Clark reported that the police department overtime for the current year through the first week in May is \$212,000.00. The police department charges Scott County Schools, Toyota, and a local church for traffic control. The chief believes that with this income he is flush with his overtime budget. A motion to decrease police department overtime from \$235,000.00 to \$225,000.00 was made by Councilmember Penn and seconded by Councilmember Lusby. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Councilmember Tingle-Sames asked about the increase in motor fuel. Mrs. Clark said that through April we had spent \$144,000.00 of the \$175,000.00 budgeted for fuel.

Councilmember Lusby asked about the increase in travel for the Police department. He believes this is an area that could be decreased. A motion to decrease vehicle maintenance from \$100,000.00 to \$80,000.00 was made by Councilmember Singer and seconded by Councilmember Penn. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Councilmember Singer asked about the increase in computer equipment. Chief Bosse explained this includes all of the equipment in the cars as well as at the police department. A motion to decrease travel expense from \$10,000.00 to \$7,500.00 was made by Councilmember Lusby and seconded by Councilmember Tingle-Sames. **The motion passed with Councilmember McEuen abstaining due to missing the discussion.** A motion to decrease training from \$14,500.00 to \$10,000.00 was made by Councilmember Tingle-Sames and seconded by Councilmember Singer. Chief Bosse cautioned the council about cutting training fees which could cause an increase in liability. **The motion passed with Councilmember McEuen abstaining due to missing the discussion.** A total of \$37,000.00 was cut from the Police department budget.

Councilmember Showalter asked if the city could afford 10 new vehicles. Councilmember Tackett explained that the goal is to get back to purchasing

five vehicles each year. Councilmember Singer expressed his concern about the 2,500,000.00 hole that would be left in the budget in two years with the tax incentive that was given to Toyota. Councilmember Lusby suggested not filling vacancies. Councilmember Penn believes if we do not stay fully staffed as the city continues to grow how we will be able to serve the taxpayers. Councilmember Singer stated that the vacancies would need to be abolished so that any excess funds would not be spent. Councilmember Tackett suggested paying for the new fire truck that has been ordered with the net profits estimated to be \$1,500,000.00 that will be received in July and continue to finance the police vehicles there would be \$1,000,000.00 left to put into fund balance. The Mayor suggested financing the fire truck and the police vehicles and putting net profits towards fund balance. Councilmember Penn asked what the payment on the fire truck and the police vehicles would total. Mrs. Clark stated that the fire truck payment would be \$72,000.00 each year and the police vehicles payment will be \$30,000.00.

Council members discussed the ladder truck requested by the fire department. Councilmember Thompson is concerned if the truck is taken out of the budget when the seventeen year old truck would be replaced. Councilmember Tingle-Sames suggested if net profits total \$2,000,000.00, \$900,000.00 could be used for the ladder truck. Councilmember Lusby suggested sharing the county ladder truck. Councilmember Singer suggested purchasing the ladder truck with the county. Assistant Fire Chief Ward said the county really has no need for a ladder truck because there are no tall buildings in the county. The county has a ladder truck for the ISO rating. Councilmember Thompson asked if the council would revisit the purchase of a ladder truck in January. A motion to remove the ladder truck from the 2014 budget with the condition to assess finances for the purchase in January was made by Councilmember Thompson and seconded by Councilmember Singer. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Councilmember Tackett suggested that raising the insurance premium tax could help with the deficit. Councilmember Lusby reminded the council that the Insurance premium tax rate can not be changed until March. Council members asked if the Insurance premium tax money could be set aside for specific items. City Attorney Andrew Hartley said that the ordinance could be written in this way.

Councilmember Tingle-Sames recommended all city departments cut their operating budgets by ten percent. Council members Lusby and McEuen believe that since the county has already passed their budget and those numbers were agreed upon during interlocal meetings that those budgets cannot be changed.

Councilmember Tingle-Sames made a motion to put back all cuts that were previously made to the police department budget and have all departments cut operating budgets by ten percent. Councilmember Penn stated that this will have a much different impact on different departments. Councilmember Singer asked why we would not decrease the interlocals and non profits since it would net a five percent cut. Councilmember Tackett believes it is unfair to decrease interlocal budgets since they have been agreed on by the city and county. Councilmember Lusby suggested a five or seven percent decrease to each departments operating budget. Councilmember Tingle-Sames made a motion seconded by councilmember Lusby to have each department cut five percent from their operating budgets. This will save 130,000.00. **The motion passed 5-2 with Council members Penn and McEuen voting no.**

A motion to hold a special meeting June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm was made by Councilmember Tackett and seconded by Councilmember Tingle-Sames. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

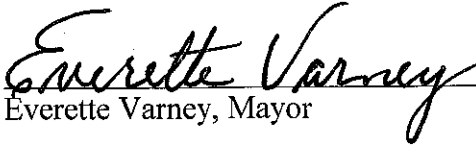
A motion to remove all financed capital items from the budget was made by Councilmember Tingle-Sames and seconded by Councilmember Lusby. Councilmember Singer asked if this would include the police department vehicles. Mrs. Clark said that a budget amendment could be done to put the police vehicles back into the budget on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Councilmember Penn would like to see the allocation for the police department construction documents. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

A motion to put 175,000.00 back into the budget for the police department construction documents was made by Councilmember McEuen and seconded by Councilmember Tackett. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

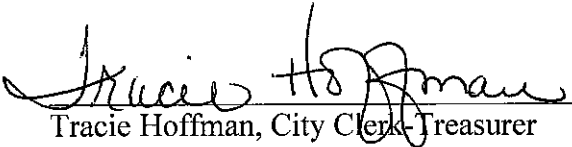
Geri Remley Director of Parks and Recreation explained that the three percent raise given to city employees in last years budget was not given to the part-time employees. This is a large % of the increase in parks and recreation. Councilmember Lusby asked if there was funding in the budget for the extension of the Legacy Trail into Scott County. Ms. Remley said she was unsure. Councilmember Penn believes all funding for the extension of the trail would come from nonprofit funds. Councilmember Lusby would like to know how much money has been raised for the trail. He suggested a city/county match for what is still needed. Other items in the parks and recreation budget that contribute to the increase are resurfacing the Pavilion parking lot, a new scraper blade and the resealing of the gymnasium floor. Ms. Remley will get an estimate on the resurfacing and a total on the three percent wage increase and send to council.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Singer and seconded by Councilmember McEuen.

APPROVED

  
Everette Varney, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:

  
Tracie Hoffman, City Clerk-Treasurer